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# **Annual Patient Safety Report for Events Reported in Utah, CY 2020**

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# MISSION & VISION



The Utah Department of Health's mission is to protect the public's health through preventing avoidable illness, injury, disability, and premature death; assuring access to affordable, quality health care; and promoting healthy lifestyles.

Our vision is for Utah to be a place where *all* people can enjoy the best health possible, where *all* can live and thrive in healthy and safe communities.



# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



**Healthiest People** – The people of Utah will be among the healthiest in the country.

**Optimize Medicaid** – Utah Medicaid will be a respected innovator in employing health care delivery and payment reforms that improve the health of Medicaid members and keep expenditure growth at a sustainable level.

**A Great Organization** – The UDOH will be recognized as a leader in government and public health for its excellent performance. The organization will continue to grow its ability to attract, retain, and value the best professionals and public servants.



## Office of Health Care Statistics:

- **Collects:** We collect and produce data that are relevant and useful to our stakeholders
- **Analyzes:** We create valuable enhancements to our data resources and our systems have the analytic capacity to transform them into useful information
- **Disseminates:** We make the data and information we collect and produce available to the *right people* at the *right time* for the *right purposes*

# ABOUT THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE STATISTICS



## Responsible for the following data series:

- **Healthcare Facilities Data:** Includes all institutional “patient encounters” that are provided in the State of Utah by qualifying licensed facilities
- **Surveys of Customer Satisfaction with Health Plans (CAHPS):** Health plans (commercial and Medicaid, medical and dental) conduct annual surveys of their members (Required by statute - implemented by rule)
- **Self-reported Quality Metrics for Health Plans (HEDIS):** Quality of care measures - Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS), which is developed and maintained by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).
- **All Payer Claims Database:** Includes claims paid on behalf of Utah residents for the majority of health plans, Medicaid, Medicare Advantage, and third party administrators including PBMs.
- **Patient Safety Surveillance and Improvement Program (PSSIP):** A reporting mechanism which captures patient safety events (injuries, death or other adverse events) associated with healthcare delivery and administration of anesthesia, which fosters conversations on how to minimize adverse patient safety events in Utah.



The rules that apply are:

- [R380-200. Patient Safety Surveillance and Improvement Program \(PSSIP\).](#)
- [R380-210. Health Care Facility Patient Safety Program.](#)
- [R434-150. Adverse Events from the Administration of Sedation or Anesthesia; Recording and Reporting.](#)

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2010-2020



**Table 1: 2010-2020 data**

Occurrence Category	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	Percent
Surgical Event	42	41	42	36	32	34	40	42	24	33	41	407	37.8%
Care Management Event	22	13	21	16	20	8	13	41	38	36	39	267	24.8%
Patient Protection Event	7	13	11	8	16	10	19	14	21	20	21	160	14.8%
Care Management Continued Events	3	5	18	4	11	6	17	2	5	5	8	84	7.8%
Product Device Event	5	5	0	4	0	2	3	5	9	10	10	53	4.9%
Unknown	3	4	5	4	2	6	6	1	8	7	5	51	4.7%
Criminal Event	1	1	4	3	2	1	1	2	7	4	2	28	2.6%
Environmental Event	0	0	0	1	2	1	5	1	4	1	5	20	1.9%
Not Sentinel Event	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	4	0.4%
Radiological Event	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	0.4%
Total	83	83	102	76	86	68	104	109	117	117	133	1078	

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The top 3 occurrence categories (surgical, care management and patient protection events) accounted for 77.4% of all events reported over the last decade.

# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2010-2020



**Table 2: Contributing Factors 2010-2020 data**

Contributing Factors	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	Percent
Communication	39	26	50	28	33	27	30	41	46	44	68	432	17.7%
Human Factors	29	18	30	22	16	20	23	30	40	54	62	344	14.1%
Process Breakdowns	18	15	16	11	17	18	28	24	31	32	48	258	10.5%
Procedural Compliance	15	21	28	6	15	15	13	21	17	27	22	200	8.2%
Other	18	16	18	15	21	14	9	15	18	11	18	173	7.1%
Patient Assessment	16	6	23	10	13	8	11	17	12	14	17	147	6.0%
Availability of Information	11	11	16	7	10	15	11	21	7	4	7	120	4.9%
Equipment - List Equipment used	13	8	16	13	8	5	9	7	8	7	10	104	4.3%
Failure to Recognize Changes	12	4	14	7	6	6	11	15	10	8	11	104	4.3%
Orientation / Competency / Training	6	8	10	9	6	3	10	11	11	15	10	99	4.0%
Care Planning	5	4	13	2	10	4	5	8	11	13	13	88	3.6%
Organization Culture	3	5	9	2	7	2	12	6	10	12	12	80	3.3%
Lack of Monitoring	7	0	10	2	2	4	9	8	8	13	16	79	3.2%
Environ. Safety / Security	4	4	9	5	7	7	6	11	8	6	5	72	2.9%
Continuum of Care	1	2	7	0	0	0	1	3	14	7	8	43	1.8%
Device Breakdowns	4	5	4	4	0	3	5	6	3	3	5	42	1.7%
Leadership	1	2	4	2	0	0	1	1	9	8	4	32	1.3%
Staffing	0	2	2	0	5	3	2	5	1	6	3	29	1.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>2446</b>	

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The top 3 contributing factors (communication, human factors and process breakdowns) accounted for 42.3% of all contributing factors reported over the last decade.

# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2010-2020



**Table 3: Actions Taken 2010-2020 data**

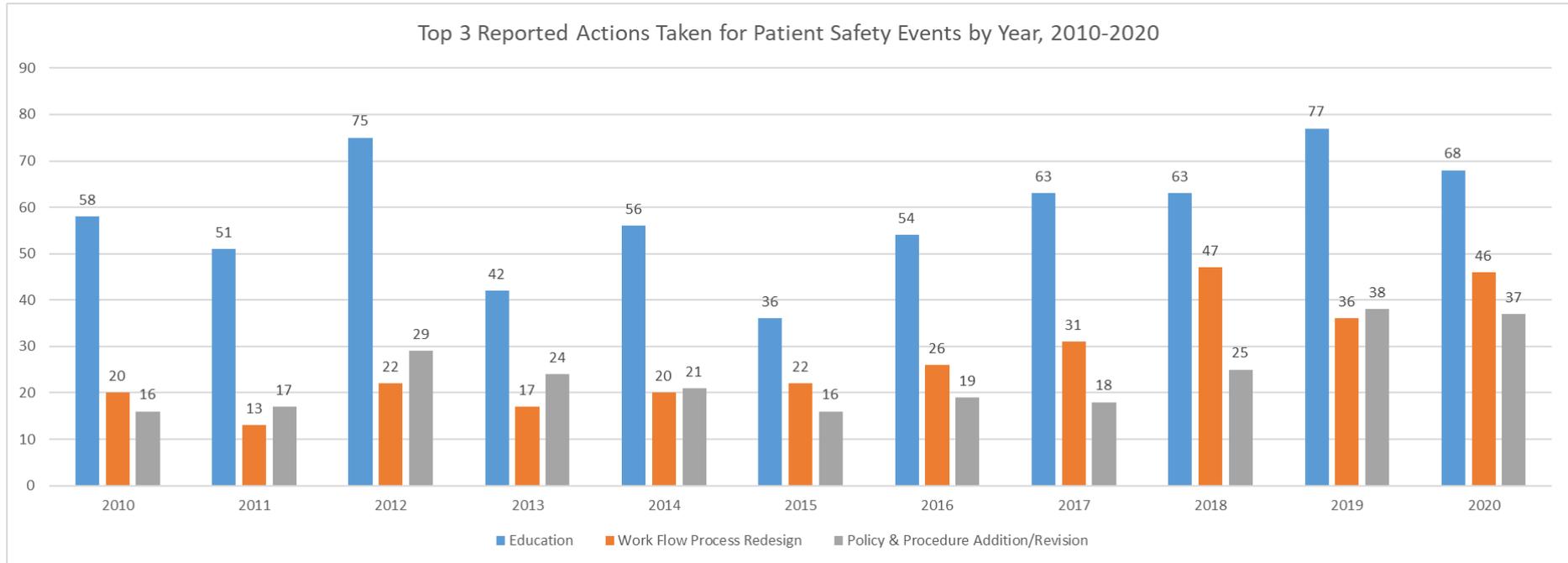
Actions Taken	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	Percent
Education	58	51	75	42	56	36	54	63	63	77	68	643	36.4%
Work Flow Process Redesign	20	13	22	17	20	22	26	31	47	36	46	300	17.0%
Policy & Procedure Addition/Revision	16	17	29	24	21	16	19	18	25	38	37	260	14.7%
Other	23	22	23	19	23	19	13	9	27	24	17	219	12.4%
Documentation Changes: Other	13	5	9	3	4	5	1	7	12	9	11	79	4.5%
Documentation Changes: Checklist	3	3	6	6	1	4	4	8	8	7	8	58	3.3%
Equipment Taken Out of Service	7	4	3	5	4	1	5	5	4	3	7	48	2.7%
Documentation Changes: Charting Tool	4	4	5	2	3	3	4	5	3	6	8	47	2.7%
Information System Change	4	3	2	1	3	3	1	2	6	8	8	41	2.3%
Staffing Changes	3	3	3	2	4	0	5	7	2	5	3	37	2.1%
Documentation Changes: Form	6	4	6	2	1	1	3	2	2	4	2	33	1.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>1765</b>	

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The top 3 actions taken (education, workflow process redesign and policy/procedure revisions) accounted for 68.2% of all actions taken reported over the last decade.

# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2010-2020



The main action taken reported is “education”, each year, for the last 10 years.

# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2010-2020



**Table 4: Communication Issues: Actions Taken 2010-2020 data**

Actions Taken	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	Percent
Education	33	20	42	22	25	18	21	30	36	35	47	329	36.5%
Work Flow Process Redesign	15	5	12	12	6	14	9	12	23	19	35	162	18.0%
Policy & Procedure Addition/Revision	10	9	15	16	12	8	9	5	15	18	27	144	16.0%
Other	9	8	7	5	7	7	0	1	10	8	5	67	7.4%
Documentation Changes: Other	7	1	8	2	3	3	1	4	8	5	9	51	5.7%
Documentation Changes: Checklist	2	3	4	6	1	3	3	1	5	4	7	39	4.3%
Documentation Changes: Charting Tool	3	1	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	7	29	3.2%
Information System Change	3	2	1	1	3	2	0	1	3	7	5	28	3.1%
Documentation Changes: Form	5	3	5	2	1	0	1	1	0	3	1	22	2.4%
Staffing Changes	1	2	2	1	2	0	0	2	2	4	2	18	2.0%
Equipment Taken Out of Service	2	0	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	13	1.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>902</b>	

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For events where the contributing factor was “communication issues”, the top action taken is “education”.

The top 3 actions taken for communication issues reported make up 70.4% of all actions taken for patient safety events where communication was a driver.

# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2010-2020



**Table 5: Human Factors: Actions Taken 2010-2020 data**

Actions Taken	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	Percent
Education	20	17	23	15	9	11	11	22	28	41	42	239	33.7%
Work Flow Process Redesign	5	5	8	10	6	9	10	17	23	21	24	138	19.4%
Policy & Procedure Addition/Revision	7	4	10	10	3	3	7	9	11	18	23	105	14.8%
Other	8	4	8	9	3	9	3	3	11	11	9	78	11.0%
Documentation Changes: Other	3	0	4	2	2	1	1	5	6	3	9	36	5.1%
Documentation Changes: Checklist	1	0	4	4	0	2	2	5	4	5	3	30	4.2%
Documentation Changes: Charting Tool	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	1	4	6	23	3.2%
Information System Change	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	6	5	6	23	3.2%
Staffing Changes	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	1	3	14	2.0%
Documentation Changes: Form	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	13	1.8%
Equipment Taken Out of Service	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	2	11	1.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>710</b>	

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For events where the contributing factor was “human factors”, the top action taken is “education”.

The top 3 actions taken for events caused by human factors make up 67.9% of all actions taken for human factors reported over the last decade.

# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2010-2020



**Table 6: Surgical Event: Contributing Factors 2010-2020**

Contributing Factors	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	Percent
Communication	21	19	22	16	16	16	14	21	13	19	26	203	21.3%
Human Factors	15	8	9	16	9	10	10	14	11	22	24	148	15.5%
Process Breakdowns	11	11	13	11	11	14	12	11	8	15	24	141	14.8%
Procedural Compliance	7	16	18	4	9	9	6	12	9	8	6	104	10.9%
Availability of Information	8	6	7	5	4	8	6	10	4	2	2	62	6.5%
Equipment - List Equipment used	4	4	7	9	4	3	1	3	2	2	4	43	4.5%
Other	5	6	4	2	7	7	3	5	0	1	3	43	4.5%
Orientation / Competency / Training	3	5	3	5	1	2	3	6	3	2	5	38	4.0%
Organization Culture	0	5	3	2	4	1	3	2	2	4	4	30	3.2%
Failure to Recognize Changes	5	2	2	4	3	2	1	3	1	2	2	27	2.8%
Patient Assessment	7	1	4	2	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	27	2.8%
Care Planning	3	1	2	1	4	3	3	1	1	2	5	26	2.7%
Device Breakdowns	1	2	3	3	0	2	3	1	1	0	0	16	1.7%
Leadership	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	2	15	1.6%
Staffing	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	0	2	1	10	1.1%
Continuum of Care	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	9	0.9%
Lack of Monitoring	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	7	0.7%
Environ. Safety / Security	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>952</b>	

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When observing surgical events reported over the last 10 years, communication, human factors and process breakdowns come are the top 3 contributing factors, which make up 51.7% of all contributing factors reported for surgical events over the last decade.

# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2010-2020



**Table 7: Care Management Event: Contributing Factors 2010-2020**

Contributing Factors	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	Percent
Communication	10	3	11	5	5	3	5	10	15	11	19	97	15.6%
Human Factors	10	2	6	2	4	2	3	10	18	15	16	88	14.1%
Process Breakdowns	2	2	0	0	1	0	3	11	15	7	12	53	8.5%
Other	6	4	5	7	5	2	1	7	7	3	5	52	8.4%
Patient Assessment	6	2	5	2	1	2	1	9	7	6	8	49	7.9%
Failure to Recognize Changes	5	0	7	0	0	1	4	6	6	3	5	37	5.9%
Lack of Monitoring	4	0	3	1	1	1	4	7	3	5	6	35	5.6%
Environ. Safety / Security	1	0	5	2	5	3	3	7	1	3	1	31	5.0%
Procedural Compliance	4	1	2	0	1	0	0	5	3	7	8	31	5.0%
Orientation / Competency / Training	2	0	3	2	1	0	5	3	3	7	2	28	4.5%
Care Planning	1	1	3	0	2	0	0	5	4	6	5	27	4.3%
Availability of Information	1	3	3	1	2	2	0	5	2	0	4	23	3.7%
Organization Culture	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	4	6	2	20	3.2%
Equipment - List Equipment used	3	0	0	1	1	0	3	4	2	2	3	19	3.1%
Continuum of Care	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	6	2	2	13	2.1%
Leadership	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	8	1.3%
Staffing	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	3	1	8	1.3%
Device Breakdowns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	0.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>622</b>	

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In the last 10 years of care management events reported, the top 3 contributing factors were communication, human factors and process breakdowns, which made up 38.3% of all contributing factors reported for care management.

# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2010-2020



**Table 7.4: Surgical Procedure Event Details, 2010-2020**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	Percent
UNINTENDED RETAINED FOREIGN OBJECT in a patient after surgery or other procedures requiring consent	22	25	21	21	15	15	22	24	8	9	10	192	47.8%
WRONG BODY PART Surgery or procedures requiring consent; (Harm Scale A-I);	11	8	16	10	7	9	12	9	5	11	13	111	27.6%
Other	2	6	6	3	3	5	3	5	3	1	2	39	9.7%
INCORRECT SURGERY OR PROCEDURE requiring consent performed on a patient	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	5	9	5	9	32	8.0%
INTRAOPERATIVE/POSTOPERATIVE DEATH	3	2	0	0	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	15	3.7%
Wrong Patient	3	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	2	2	13	3.2%
<b>Total</b>	42	41	43	36	32	34	42	43	25	28	36	402	

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When observing surgical procedure events reported over the last 10 years, the top item reported under event details was unintended retained foreign object in patient, followed by wrong body part. These two event details make up 75.4% of all surgical procedure event details reported in the last decade.

# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2010-2020



## Care Management Event Details 2010-2020 data

Types of Care Management Events	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	Percent
FALL while being cared for in a health care facility	13	6	13	7	13	6	6	11	7	14	15	111	29.6%
INFANT DEATH, born at gestation equal to or greater than 32 weeks excluding congenital causes	5	3	1	5	7	2	5	1	11	4	2	46	12.3%
Other	3	2	4	2	0	1	1	8	4	1	6	32	8.5%
FAILURE TO FOLLOW UP or communicate laboratory, pathology, or imaging test results	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	6	1.6%
PRESSURE ULCERS, Stage 3 or 4 acquired after admission	0	2	14	2	7	2	5	4	10	5	8	59	15.7%
MEDICATION ERROR	1	1	3	1	1	2	7	8	10	8	8	50	13.3%
LABOR OR DELIVERY while being cared for in a facility	1	2	1	1	4	1	5	4	3	10	12	44	11.7%
Other	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	6	3	3	4	19	5.1%
IRRETRIEVABLE LOSS of an irreplaceable biological specimen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	6	1.6%
NEONATAL HYPERBILIRUBINEMIA, where bilirubin is greater than 25 milligrams per deciliter	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>375</b>	

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When observing care management event reported over the last 10 years, the top event detail reported was a fall, followed by infant death, which made up 41.9% of all event details provided for care management.

# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2010-2020



**Table 7.5: Patient Protection Event Details, 2010-2020**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	Percent
Patient Suicide or Unsuccessful Attempt	2	4	2	4	3	5	11	5	15	12	13	76	43.9%
Unexpected Death	3	3	7	3	8	3	5	5	8	7	7	59	34.1%
Other	2	5	1	1	4	1	3	3	1	0	2	23	13.3%
Elopement or disappearance of a patient with cognitive impairment	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	4	1	2	2	15	8.7%
<b>Total</b>	7	14	12	8	16	10	19	17	25	21	24	173	

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Patient suicide or unsuccessful attempt is the top reported detail for patient protection events. This and unexpected death made up 78% of all event details provided for patient protection events over the last 10 years.

# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2010-2020



**Table 7.3: Patient Outcomes, 2010-2020**

Patient Outcomes	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	Percent
I - Patient Death	0	2	15	6	11	7	6	16	27	23	25	138	21.0%
E - Temp Harm - Req non-life threatening Intervention	0	0	8	8	6	11	14	19	17	16	20	119	18.1%
C - No Harm;	0	0	6	4	4	4	6	24	13	15	13	89	13.5%
H - Intervention to Sustain Life	0	0	7	1	0	1	4	8	21	22	14	78	11.9%
F - Temp Harm - Reg Hospitalization	0	0	1	2	6	3	7	11	5	14	18	67	10.2%
D - Additional Monitoring/Treatment to Prevent Harm	0	0	1	3	7	2	6	13	13	9	8	62	9.4%
G - Permanent Patient Harm	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	9	11	14	19	58	8.8%
B - Near Miss (event stopped prior to reaching patient)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	10	16	2.4%
A - Unsafe Conditions	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	6	0	2	14	2.1%
Determined not to be a Sentinel Event	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	1	0	2	9	1.4%
Other	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	7	1.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>657</b>	

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Patient death is the top patient outcome reported for patient safety events over the last 10 years.

# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, CY2020



Table 8 : Event type, by month, CY2020	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Percent
Surgical Event	2	2	5	0	2	8	1	3	2	5	9	2	41	30.8%
Care Management Event	3	1	4	1	4	6	3	7	1	5	2	2	39	29.3%
Patient Protection Event	0	3	1	1	1	2	0	3	3	4	2	1	21	15.8%
Product Device Event	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	5	1	1	10	7.5%
Care Management Continued Events	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	8	6.0%
Environmental Event	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	5	3.8%
Unknown	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	3.8%
Criminal Event	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.5%
Not Sentinel Event	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.8%
Radiological Event	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>133</b>	

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Table 9: Contributing Factors 2020 data	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Percent
Communication	5	2	7	3	5	11	3	5	7	10	8	2	68	20.1%
Human Factors	4	3	6	2	4	9	2	8	4	10	7	3	62	18.3%
Process Breakdowns	1	3	6	1	5	6	2	2	3	9	8	2	48	14.2%
Procedural Compliance	2	0	1	0	4	2	2	3	2	5	1	0	22	6.5%
Other	2	0	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	3	1	1	18	5.3%
Patient Assessment	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	4	1	1	2	2	17	5.0%
Lack of Monitoring	0	1	0	0	4	1	1	2	1	5	1	0	16	4.7%
Care Planning	1	0	2	1	3	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	13	3.8%
Organization Culture	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	2	0	12	3.5%
Failure to Recognize Changes	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	1	1	0	3	0	11	3.2%
Equipment - List Equipment used	0	1	1	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	10	2.9%
Orientation / Competency / Training	1	0	2	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	10	2.9%
Continuum of Care	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	8	2.4%
Availability of Information	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	2.1%
Device Breakdowns	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	1.5%
Environ. Safety / Security	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	5	1.5%
Leadership	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	4	1.2%
Staffing	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>339</b>	

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Table 10: Actions Taken 2020 data	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Percent
Education	6	3	7	3	2	8	2	8	2	13	11	3	68	31.6%
Work Flow Process Redesign	5	1	6	3	3	6	3	1	5	7	5	1	46	21.4%
Policy & Procedure Addition/Revision	2	0	2	1	4	6	3	4	3	6	5	1	37	17.2%
Other	0	3	2	0	0	3	0	3	2	0	2	2	17	7.9%
Documentation Changes: Other	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	2	1	0	0	1	11	5.1%
Documentation Changes: Charting Tool	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	8	3.7%
Documentation Changes: Checklist	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	8	3.7%
Information System Change	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	8	3.7%
Equipment Taken Out of Service	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	7	3.3%
Staffing Changes	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	1.4%
Documentation Changes: Form	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>215</b>	

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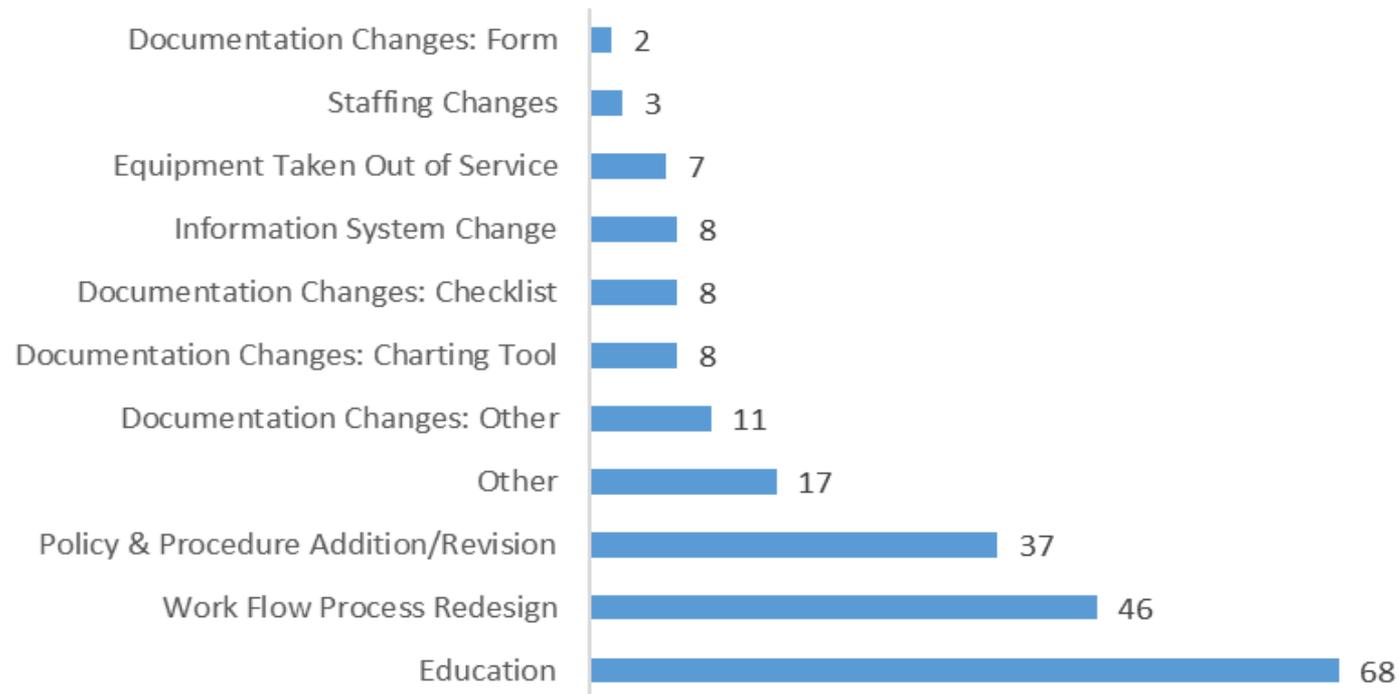
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Top actions taken for 2020 were “education”, “work flow process redesign” and “policy & procedure addition/revision”, which represent 70.2% of all reported actions taken in 2020.

# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, CY2020



## Totals for Categories of Actions Taken, 2020



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Table 11: Actions Taken for Communication Issues, 2020 Data	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Percent
Education	3	1	6	2	2	6	1	5	2	10	7	2	47	31.8%
Work Flow Process Redesign	3	1	5	2	3	4	3	0	5	6	3	0	35	23.6%
Policy & Procedure Addition/Revision	1	0	2	1	2	6	2	2	3	4	3	1	27	18.2%
Documentation Changes: Other	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	9	6.1%
Documentation Changes: Charting Tool	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	7	4.7%
Documentation Changes: Checklist	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	7	4.7%
Information System Change	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	3.4%
Other	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	3.4%
Equipment Taken Out of Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	2.0%
Staffing Changes	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1.4%
Documentation Changes: Form	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>148</b>	

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For events where the contributing factor was “communication issues”, the top action taken in 2020 was “education”, followed by workflow process redesign and policy/procedure revision, which together made up 73.6% of all reported actions taken in 2020

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Table 12: Actions Taken for Human Factors, 2020 Data	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Percent
Education	3	1	5	2	1	4	1	5	2	9	6	3	42	32.6%
Work Flow Process Redesign	1	0	3	1	2	4	1	1	2	5	3	1	24	18.6%
Policy & Procedure Addition/Revision	1	0	2	1	3	3	2	2	1	5	2	1	23	17.8%
Documentation Changes: Other	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	9	7.0%
Other	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	9	7.0%
Documentation Changes: Charting Tool	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	6	4.7%
Information System Change	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	6	4.7%
Documentation Changes: Checklist	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	2.3%
Staffing Changes	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	2.3%
Documentation Changes: Form	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.6%
Equipment Taken Out of Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>129</b>	

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A similar pattern emerges for patient safety events in 2020 where human factors was noted as the contributing factor. Education, workflow process redesign and policy/procedure revision make up 69% of all actions taken for human factors as contributing factor in 2020.

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Table 13: Contributing Factors for Surgical Events, 2020 Data	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Percent
Communication	2	1	2	0	0	6	1	1	2	3	7	1	26	22.6%
Human Factors	2	1	4	0	1	4	0	2	2	1	5	2	24	20.9%
Process Breakdowns	1	2	3	0	1	5	0	0	1	2	7	2	24	20.9%
Procedural Compliance	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	5.2%
Care Planning	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	5	4.3%
Orientation / Competency / Training	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	4.3%
Equipment - List Equipment used	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	3.5%
Organization Culture	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	3.5%
Patient Assessment	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2.6%
Other	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	2.6%
Availability of Information	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.7%
Continuum of Care	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1.7%
Failure to Recognize Changes	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1.7%
Leadership	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1.7%
Environ. Safety / Security	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.9%
Lack of Monitoring	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.9%
Staffing	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.9%
Device Breakdowns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>115</b>	

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Communication, human factors and process breakdowns represent 64.3% of contributing factors for surgical events reported in 2020. Of note, there were no surgical events reported in April, which marks the period following shutdowns, etc.

# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, CY2020



Table 14: Contributing Factors for Care Mgt. Events, 2020 Data	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Percent
Communication	2	0	4	1	3	3	1	1	1	3	0	0	19	18.8%
Human Factors	1	1	1	0	2	2	1	2	1	4	1	0	16	15.8%
Process Breakdowns	0	0	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	12	11.9%
Patient Assessment	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	8	7.9%
Procedural Compliance	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	8	7.9%
Lack of Monitoring	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	5.9%
Care Planning	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	5.0%
Failure to Recognize Changes	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	5.0%
Other	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	5.0%
Availability of Information	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	4.0%
Equipment - List Equipment used	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3.0%
Continuum of Care	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2.0%
Device Breakdowns	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0%
Organization Culture	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2.0%
Orientation / Competency / Training	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.0%
Environ. Safety / Security	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.0%
Staffing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1.0%
Leadership	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>101</b>	

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Communication, human factors and process breakdowns represent 46.5% of contributing factors for care management events reported in 2020. “Leadership” was not selected at all in 2020 for care management events.

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Table 14.4: Surgical Event Details, 2020 data	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Percent
WRONG BODY PART Surgery or procedures requiring consent; (Harm Scale A-I);	1	1	3	0	1	3	1	0	0	1	2	0	13	36.1%
UNINTENDED RETAINED FOREIGN OBJECT in a patient after surgery or other procedures requiring consent	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	2	2	1	10	27.8%
INCORRECT SURGERY OR PROCEDURE requiring consent performed on a patient	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	2	1	9	25.0%
Wrong Patient	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	5.6%
Other	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	5.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>36</b>	

For surgical events reported in 2020, the most selected event detail was surgery conducted on the wrong body part.

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, CY2020



Table 14.x: Care Management Events Details, 2020 Data	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Percent
FALL while being cared for in a health care facility	2	1	2	0	2	3	1	1	0	3	0	0	15	26.3%
LABOR OR DELIVERY while being cared for in a facility	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	2	3	0	0	1	12	21.1%
MEDICATION ERROR	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	8	14.0%
PRESSURE ULCERS, Stage 3 or 4 acquired after admission	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	8	14.0%
Other	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	6	10.5%
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	4	7.0%
INFANT DEATH, born at gestation equal to or greater than 32 weeks excluding congenital causes	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3.5%
FAILURE TO FOLLOW UP or communicate laboratory, pathology, or imaging test results	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.8%
IRRETRIEVABLE LOSS of an irreplaceable biological specimen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>57</b>	

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For care management events reported in 2020, the most selected event detail were falls.

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<b>Table 14.5: Patient Protection Event Details, 2020 Data</b>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Percent
Patient Suicide or Unsuccessful Attempt	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	2	2	2	0	13	54.2%
Unexpected Death	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	7	29.2%
Elopement or disappearance of a patient with cognitive impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	8.3%
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	8.3%
<b>Total</b>	1	2	0	2	2	2	1	3	3	4	3	1	24	

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For patient protection events reported in 2020, the most selected event detail was patient suicide or unsuccessful attempt.

# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, CY2020



Table 14.3: Patient Outcomes, 2020 Data	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Percent
I - Patient Death	2	2	2	2	3	1	0	2	4	3	3	1	25	18.8%
E - Temp Harm - Req non-life threatening Intervention	0	0	2	1	2	4	3	2	0	0	5	1	20	15.0%
G - Permanent Patient Harm	1	0	2	1	1	2	1	5	1	4	0	1	19	14.3%
F - Temp Harm - Reg Hospitalization	2	1	3	0	0	4	2	2	2	1	1	0	18	13.5%
H - Intervention to Sustain Life	2	0	0	1	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	14	10.5%
C - No Harm;	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	5	0	2	13	9.8%
B - Near Miss (event stopped prior to reaching patient)	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	2	0	10	7.5%
D - Additional Monitoring/Treatment to Prevent Harm	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	3	0	8	6.0%
A - Unsafe Conditions	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1.5%
Determined not to be a Sentinel Event	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1.5%
Other	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>133</b>	

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The top patient outcome reported for 2020 was patient death, followed by temporary harm (req. non-life threatening intervention, permanent harm, and temporary harm requiring hospitalization, together makes up 61.7% of patient outcomes for the year.

# MAJOR TAKEAWAYS



- Education continues to be the most reported corrective action taken
- Falls are most common care management event
- Among patient outcomes, patient death is the highest, over the last decade and in 2020
- Patient suicide or unsuccessful attempt is the highest type of reported patient protection event
- Wrong body part and unintended retained foreign object is the most reported type of surgical procedure event
- Despite communication and human factors being top drivers of patient safety events, education consistently comes up as the corrected action taken

# WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2021



- New Patient Safety Initiatives website coming up!
- Exploration of All Payer Claims Data and Facility Discharge Data to reconcile events reported for 2021
- Additional details regarding contributing factors, actions taken and the date of the event are included in the patient safety reporting form
- Kailah Davis is no longer with UDOH, any inquiries can be directed to Carl Letamendi or Sri Bose



## I WANT TO:



Report an Adverse Patient Safety Event



Report an Anesthesia and/or Sedation Event



Learn More about Patient Safety Meetings



Learn More about Utah Administrative Rules

**PATIENT SAFETY INITIATIVES**  
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REPORT AN ADVERSE PATIENT SAFETY EVENT

The purpose and authority of the Utah Patient Safety Surveillance and Improvement Program (PSSIP) is depicted in Utah Administrative Code R380-200. Facilities are required to report to the Department all patient safety events within 72 hours of the facility's determination that a patient safety event has occurred. Patient safety events may be categorized as reportable events with outcome assessed by harm scale, reportable events resulting in permanent patient harm, intervention to sustain life, or patient death; and reportable events referenced by other reporting rules.

To file a report you must first register with the Utah Master Directory (UMD, first time reporters only). Once you set up an account with UMD, you can proceed with registering for REDCap, the Department's patient safety reporting tool. For first time registrants, please view detailed instructions.

For any general questions regarding [cletamendi@utah.gov](mailto:cletamendi@utah.gov).

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LEARN MORE ABOUT PATIENT SAFETY MEETINGS

The Patient Safety Surveillance and Improvement program (PSSIP), exists to ensure that patient safety events (injuries, death or other adverse events) associated with healthcare delivery and administration of anesthesia are reported to the Utah Department of Health, to foster conversations on how to minimize adverse patient safety events in Utah. The administrative rules concerning patient safety include R380-200 (Patient Safety Surveillance and Improvement Program, PSSIP), R380-210 (Health Care Facility Patient Safety Program), and R414-1-28 (Provider-Preventable Conditions). Approximately 6 times per year, the Utah Department of Health's Office of Health Care Statistics convenes the Patient Safety Workgroup. During these meetings, the team reports on current trends and research found regarding patient safety, invites guest speakers to come host chats about how to improve patient safety, and data are shared to report back on our patient safety dataset's trends, which include aggregate results of the categories of events, contributing factors, and subsequent actions taken.

All healthcare service providers are welcome to attend the meetings. To subscribe to the list and be informed about upcoming meetings, resources and news, please complete our contact form.

**Past meetings:**

- December 18, 2020 - High Reliability in Action by Robin Betts
- October 29, 2020 - Creating a Foundation for Safe and Reliable Care
- August 21, 2020 - Patient Safety Surveillance and Improvement Program (PSSIP)

# DISCUSSION



- Thoughts?
- Major takeaways?
- What would you like to see in 2021?